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FUNDS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of funds by the Government for higher education for the current financial year is adequate;

(b) If so, the details and percentage in relation to GDP;

(c) whether Knowledge Commission`s observation that this allocation may be further increased is being considered by the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Allocation of funds for higher education is made keeping in view the availability of resources and the priorities vis-a-vis other sectors. The GDP for the current year is not yet known.

(c) to (e): The Government has not taken any decision on the recommendations of the Knowledge Commission, which is the subject of wider consultation.